

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 06th March 2011

Silent Key

We regret to announce the death of Ettie Dolan wife of John Dolan EI9AD in Limerick. We offer our sincere condolences to the Dolan family. May she rest in peace.

IRTS AGM Annual Dinner and Rally 2011

You are reminded of the importance of attending the IRTS AGM weekend, including Annual Dinner and Rally will be held this year on Saturday March 26th and Sunday March 27th. The event will be hosted by the Limerick Radio Club. The venue is the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick.

For more information contact, Ger McNamara EI4GXB on

087 2532512 or ei4gxb/ at /gmail/ dot/ com. A new website for the Rally in Limerick on 27 March 2011 is now available, please go to limerickradiorally.com for more details.

The AGM dinner tickets priced at €35 are now available from Tony Condon EI2AW at QTHR or by email to condona /at /eircom/ dot/ net.

IRTS Stand at Friedrichshafen Rally

IRTS members attending the Friedrichshafen rally this year and who are willing to be in attendance at the IRTS stand for some of the time whilst there are requested to contact Sean Nolan, EI7CD on email ei7cd / at /gofree / dot/ indigo / dot / ie .

IRTS Committee Meeting

The next IRTS committee meeting will be held on March 12th in Portlaoise. All affiliated clubs representatives are encouraged and welcome to attend.

IRTS AGM Dinner Tickets.

Tickets will be available at the next Committee meeting on 12 March from Ger McNamara EI4GXB. Please make contact with your club or regional representative who may be attending the meeting to collect tickets on your behalf. Payment can be made by cheque payable to Limerick Radio Club or by cash.

South Dublin Radio Club

South Dublin Radio Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in Terenure College on Tuesday 29th March at 8pm sharp.

All members are welcome and asked to attend.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Club

John Browne, EI7FAB, won the 2010 Mayo Radio Experimenters annual club activity competition. The annual event consists of twelve monthly competitions with accumulator points going to the annual award. John won four of the monthly competitions, and had half a point to spare over Dominic Curtin, EI9JS in the annual table. All the monthly competitions are for on air activity and range from working Locator squares, DXCC countries, a novelty alpha-numeric grid and a month devoted to listening. John McAndrew, EI3JM, (third,) Padraic Baynes, EI9JA, (fourth,) and Jimmy Kelly EI2GCB, make up the top five in the competition. The club uniquely transmits the IRTS and local news on Sunday evenings simultaneously on four VHF bands - 6mts, 4mts, 2 mts and 70cms and the club is very active on these bands locally. The news simulcast originally presented technical challenges, but these have been overcome thanks to the guidance of Dominic Curtin, EI9JS.

Mayo Radio Experimenters publishes a monthly newsletter for members and this is currently edited by John Corless, EI7IQ. He took over from David Hatfield, EI3ECB last summer.

At the recent AGM, Jimmy Kelly, EI2GCB was re-elected Chairperson, and the club's two prestigious awards for contribution to the club and to the hobby went to Padraic Baynes, EI9JA and Dominic Curtin, EI9JS.

The club plans a monthly activity day where SWLs and the public will be invited to explore the hobby with portable set-ups at different locations on one Sunday per month from April to September.

The club is active in all IRTS competitions using the club call, EI7MRE and individual members take part in many international contests. The club won the January

80mts counties contest again this year. John Walsh, EI5GHB was well placed in this contest also. Another member, Brendan Minish, EI6IZ, is one of the top CW contesters in Europe.

Theory classes are ongoing within the club under the guidance of John Corless, EI7IQ. The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month in The Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar at 9.30pm local time. Visiting amateurs or curious radio enthusiasts are most welcome to come along.

North Cork Radio Group

North Cork Radio Group will be active EI1NC/P from the old governors house at Cork City Gaol and Radio Museum on the weekend of the 19 and 20th of March, The intention of the activation is to gain publicity and awareness for the Museum as an attraction for radio enthusiast both in Cork city and for visitors to the county in general. The Gaol houses the restored 6CK radio Broadcast studio in addition to an audio visual dedicated to Marconi and his Irish connections along with a wide collection of nostalgic artefacts from the golden age of Irish radio.

North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group, after last year's great success, is pleased to announce their second annual rally and electronics fair at the Blarney Golf Resort, Tower, Co Cork. on Sunday September the 11th 2011.

The doors open to the public at 11.30 and the rally will run throughout the afternoon. The usual traders will be on hand with some very tasty bargains, South East Communications, Long Communications and JBT Trading.

The Hotel are also offering room deals for the rally a Room Only from €59 and Double Room inc B&B: €79 Please Contact the hotel directly for room bookings on Tel:+353 21 4384477. www.blarneygolfresort.com

Small traders are very welcome but it essential that they contact the events organiser Liam EI7GTB, Tel: 085-7039042 Email: ei7gtb / at/gmail /dot/com as soon as possible.

Further details can be found via the group's website, www.ei1nc.com.com

Limerick Radio Club

The next meeting of Limerick Radio Club will take place on Thursday 10 March at 7.30pm in the Limerick Institute of Technology.

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club

Michael Clarke writes and tells us about Amateur Radio Exam Successes.

All nine candidates passed the Intermediate amateur radio examination last Sunday afternoon after a course run by Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club in the SHARE Centre.

This course began last November but was abandoned in severe winter weather. It resumed over three busy February weekends with the examination on the third Sunday afternoon.

These nine Intermediate successes represent a 35% progression from last year's 26 Foundation successes after two courses in 2010. The Club hopes more will follow, and there are ambitions for an Advanced course and examination later this year for Ofcom's Full Amateur License.

Meantime, the nine new Intermediate licensees will each receive a congratulations certificate at the Lough Erne Pearl Anniversary Rally in the big SHARE Arena on Sunday 17 April 2011.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

A New committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group on 28 February in Waterford. The incoming committee for 2011 is as follows:

Chairperson: John McCarthy EI8JA Vice Chairperson: Francis Lenane EI5GOB
Secretary: John Ronan EI7IG Treasurer: Mark Wall EI7IS PRO: Declan Fitzgerald EI5GRB

Officers are: Mick Hoban EI5DCB, Egidio Giani EI9EQ and David Gainda EI6GVB.

The club would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their work over the past year.

New 2m Repeater (EI2CCR) at Dundalk Amateur Radio

Society

An upgraded 2m repeater has been installed at the RTE site at Clermont Cairn, north of Dundalk. The new installation consists of a Phillips FX5000 base station and a G1SLE repeater logic. As a result of the upgrade, licensed users need to ensure they use the following:-

1. Narrow band 12.5khz Tx deviation selected.
2. CTCSS encode set to 110.9Hz or 1750Hz tone burst used to open EI2CCR.

When you access EI2CCR you will hear a your signal report in Morse- S trong(...), I ntermediate (..), W eak (.-) this will be followed by 8 pips.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society is most grateful to Richard, MI3CQR, for technical expertise and generosity in the installation of the new upgrade.

More comprehensive details can be obtained by access to www.ei7dar.com

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR– Lecture Series

A series of two very interesting lectures will be given by John, EI7BV. The first of the lectures will be entitled, 'The early years and the bands below 30MHz. This is quite a comprehensive 'talk' and extensive use of powerpoint will be employed. This lecture will take place on March 16th at QTHR of EI7DAR, 'Larkin House', 113, Castletown Road, Dundalk. Location map is available on www.ei7dar.com

The second lecture, date yet to be decided, will discuss the bands above 30MHz, (VHF,UHF,SHF & EHF). Members and visitors are most welcome to attend and EI7DAR look forward to seeing you all there.

DX News

Roger CT8/G3SXW and Lionel CT8/G5LP will operate from San Miguel Island, Azores EU-003 on March 16-17th. Note that Azores used to have the prefix CU but this is now changed to CT8! They hope to be active for several hours each day with the Elecraft K2, CW only. QSL via home call and LoTW.

Allan, W6HGF plans to stage a one-man expedition to Miquelon between March 14 – 22, 2011.

Activity is planned on all bands, with focus on RTTY/Digi.

John, KL7JR and Claire, WL7MY are now QRV from Costambar, Dominican Republic until June 2011. QSL via H/c. QSLing will start around July.

Anne, OH2YL makes a Dxpedition to Saint Barthélemy. The expedition starts on 15th April and ends on the 27th. She works on all HF bands (160 m to 10 m). The mode will be CW. QSL cards via OH2YL. Also LoTW works fine. You can find more information about this expedition at www.fjoh2yl.com

4A4A Will take place between 3 to 20 of March, a good group will put the signal on the air on SSB , CW and Digital modes from Benito Juarez Island (Isla Socorro). IOTA: NA-030 // QTH locator : DK48MR They will try setup 3 stations running simultaneously as conditions permits.

World Radiocommunication Conference Amateur Radio has

moved a step closer to a medium frequency (MF) allocation below the AM broadcast band. During the first week of the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) for the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), held in Geneva February 14-25, delegates completed the drafting of nine pages of analysis of the technical and regulatory issues related to WRC-12 Agenda Item 1.23: consideration of a possible secondary allocation to the Amateur Service of about 15 kHz somewhere between 415 and 526.5 kHz. What is now called Method A envisions an allocation of up to 15 kHz between 472 and 487 kHz. Method B calls for allocations of 461-469 kHz and 471-478 kHz.

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally

The Lough Erne Annual Rally takes place The Share Centre, Lisnaskea Co. Fermanagh BT92 0EQ on Sunday April 17th 2011. Doors open at 11.30am and access can be obtained from the Erne/Shannon waterway. Bring and Buy, Food, on-site parking. Contact: Iain 028/048 66326693. EMail: iain /at/ learc.eu See www.lougherneradioclub.co.uk

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be

submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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